In the absence of sufficient number of SC and ST candidates unfilled seats in Physical Sciences and Biological Sciences have been transferred to Humanities.

(c) to (f) Yes, Sir. 44 out of 387 candidates who qualified for interviews, did not appear at the interview. However, only one of them represented. It was already notified in the Prospectus that candidates absenting themselves from any of these tests and/or interviews will not be considered for admission. It was also notified that no request for any change in dates and timings will be entertained.

Taking over of schools by the Sports Authority of India

*395. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sports Authority of India has decided to adopt 100 schools during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, what are the criteria for the selection of the schools; and

(c) what assistance is likely to be given to the students by the Sports Authority of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHID DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) The Sports Authority of India (SAI) has launched a scheme of "Spotting and Nurturing of Sports Talent including Adoption of Schools". The scheme aims at identifying children talented in sports, and to nurture their talent by placing them in schools adopted by the Sports Authority of India for the purpose. The talented children are selected on the basis of a National Sports Talent Contest. The schools for adoption are selected by SAI taking into account the recommendations made in this behalf by the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations, provided the schools fulfil the criteria set by SAI for adoption. Subject to availability of resources, SAI proposes to adopt during the Seventh Five Year Plan Period about 100 such schools.

The criteria adopted by SAI for selection of schools provide that the school concerned should have good sports and academic records; it should have board and lodging facilities; it should have grounds and sufficient space for improvement/creation and expansion of sports infrastructure and it should be prepared to reserve upto 10 per cent of their annual intake of children in the age-group 8—13 years for admission of children selected by SAI on the basis of National Sports Talent Contest.

Expenses on tuition fee, board and lodging and other school fees in respect of the students selected by SAI will be met by it. An allowance per child of Rs. 100 per month towards special diet and kitting will also be made available. Besides, the adopted schools will be eligible to receive financial assistance from SAI of upto Rs. 5 lakhs for improvement/expansion/creation of sports infrastructure and a recurring grant of Rs. 50,000 per annum for maintenance of grounds and purchase of sports equipment. Services of upto five coaches for imparting training and coaching will also be made available to the adopted schools.

सिलिकोसिस का प्रकोप

*396. **श्री शरद यादव :** क्या **स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हाल ही में उत्तर प्रदेश के ललितपुर जिले के जाखलोन गांव में पत्थर की खदानों में काम करने वाले 13 आदिवासियों की सिलिकोसिस से मृत्यु हो गई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार इस घातक बीमारी से आदिवासियों को बचाने